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Naples, June 25.

From *Sicily* we hear, that the French having held a Rendezvous of their Forces at *St. Stefano*, without the Gates of *Messina*, and made a countenance as if they would attack the *Scaletta*, had on the sudden discovered their design to be upon *Melazzo*, and were accordingly marched thither, and had already blocked up the place on the Land-side, and at the same time besieged it by Water with eight Gallies; That the Viceroy of *Sicily*, who happened to be there, was retreated with his Forces, sufficient to maintain it into the Castle. Upon this advice, our Viceroy has ordered six Gallies to be put forthwith into a posture to sail to *Palermo*, to join with 15 Gallies more that are there, and to go together to the relief of *Melazzo*.

Vicenna, July 7. On Monday last the Count of *Limberg* took possession of his place of Great Master of the Emperors Household, and was thereupon accordingly complimented by all the Persons of Quality about Court. The Sieur *Pioger* having compleated the new Regiment he raised, is marched with it towards *Silesia*, to join the other Imperial Troops there, under the command of General *Cops*. The Emperor has given Commission to the Count of *Kauniz* to raise forthwith a Regiment of Horse.

Hamburg, July 16. From *Rensburg* in *Holstein* we receive the confirmation of the Dukes having submitted to the demands of the King of *Denmark*, mentioned in our last. And our Letters add, That the King had put part of his Troops into quarters, in *Holstein*, and purposed himself to return to *Copenhagen*, without making any mention of any rupture intended with the Suedes. The Magistrates and Inhabitants of this City cannot quit the apprehensions they have, that the King of *Denmark* will attempt something upon them; the Deputies they sent to the King having not as yet been able to obtain any favourable answer from his Majesty, and our fears are increased by the news we have of two Danish Men of War being come into the *Elbe*, and that part of the Kings Army advances this way. The Elector of *Brandenburg* having held a Rendezvous of his Army near *Perleberg*, and found it to consist in above 16000 Men, has caused it to advance towards *Wismar*; and from *Lubeck* comes a report, that they have already invested that City. The Suedish Army is about *Demmin* in *Pomerania*, expecting there several considerable recruits from *Sueden* and other parts; It is said, That in five or six days the Imperialists under the Command of General *Cops*, will be come up with the *Brandenburgs*.

From the Imperial Camp at *Renchen*, July 11. The Imperial Army has its head-quarter here, the River *Renchen* dividing ours and the Enemies Camp. Our parties go out daily, and return with good success. This evening the Major General *Harrant* has brought in 150 Prisoners, and a good booty, having totally routed a French

Regiment of Dragoons; the said Prisoners tell us, that the French are very much incommoded for want of Forage.

Treves, July 12. The 27 past our Governor the Count de *Vignory*, understanding that the Sieur de *Louvigny*, who commands at present in the Province of *Luxemburg*, had for some design drawn out the Garison that was in *Eckternac* on the *Sourde*, he forthwith marched thither with 200 Horse, as many Foot and some Dragoons, and made himself Master of the place without any difficulty, and having demolished it, and taken away what Arms he found there, returned hither again. The 28, the Marschal de *Crequi* arrived with the Forces under his command in our Neighborhood; the next day he sent out a party with two pieces of Cannon, who took the Castle of *Romejin*, the Garison surrendring upon discretion, and demolished it; the 30, the Count de *Vignory* likewise possessed himself of the Castle of *Efche*, and the day following of the Town and Castle of *Wihicke*, the Garisons in neither making any resistance; our Governor demolished all the said places, and hath brought hither what Artillery, Ammunition or other military provision he found there. The sixth instant, the Marschal de *Crequi* marched with his Troops through this City, and having passed the *Sarre* went and encamped at *Tauerne*, where he continued till this morning, when he decamped again, and is marched towards *Alsacia*, with intention to go and join Monsieur de *Turenne*. Yesterday went out from hence a party of 400 Horse, with orders to go and burn four great Villages on the side of *Boone*, who have omitted to pay their Contributions.

Strasburg, July 12. The Imperial Army under the command of General *Montecuculi* continues encamped from *Renchenloch* to *Lichtenaw*, and from thence as far as *Buhel* at the foot of the Mountains, the head-quarter being at *Renchen*: On the other side, the French had their quarters from *Bisheim* to *Alrenheim*: The Imperialists have fortified *Renchenloch*, as being a Post of great importance for the security of their Camp, and for that reason, Monsieur de *Turenne* endeavoured to dispossess them of it, but the Troops that were commanded on that design were repulsed, though they made their attack with a great deal of vigor. The eighth instant the Troops of the Circles of *Suabia* and *Franconia* which assembled at *Hailbron*, and are said to make up together between 3 and 4000 Men, joined the Imperial Army. And besides the 1500 Foot that are already come to the assistance of the French under the conduct of the Chevalier du *Plessys*; we have advice, that the Marschal de *Crequi* is coming with another reinforcement, and that he is at present not far from hence. Upon the advice Monsieur de *Turenne* received that 3000 Imperialists had passed the *Rhine* below *Rastadt*, with design to give him a diversion on that side, and to cut off the Provisions which come from *Haguenaw* and those parts, he immediately caused two Regiments of Dragoons to pass the *Rhine* yesterday over his Bridge at *Altenheim*; who were followed the last night by 3000 more, with order